

Amendments to the Claims

1-10 (cancelled)

11. (new) A method for laterally translating saws along and pivoting saws relative to a drive arbor, comprising:

simultaneously laterally positioning an array of adjacent, laterally-contacting sawguides along a drive arbor, each said sawguide having a pivot axis and lateral sides;

simultaneously pivoting said sawguides about said pivot axes causing the contacting lateral sides to slide over one another,

wherein the laterally positioning step comprises mounting the sawguides onto an elongate member oriented parallel to the drive arbor and comprises biasing the array of sawguides against a steering structure secured to the elongate member, wherein the laterally positioning step is carried out with the steering structure pivotally mounted to the elongate member for pivotal movement about a steering structure axis.

12. (new) The method according to claim 11 wherein the simultaneously pivoting step comprises selectively pivoting the steering structure about the steering structure axis.
13. (new) The method according to claim 11 wherein the laterally positioning step is carried out with sawguides having opposed, flat, contacting sliding surfaces.
14. (new) The method according to claim 11 wherein the simultaneously pivoting step is carried out with pivot pins extending between each said sawguide and a channel oriented parallel to the drive arbor.
15. (new) The method according to claim 11 wherein the laterally positioning step is carried out in a manner so to position the sawguides along a path oriented parallel to the drive arbor.

16. (new) The method according to claim 15 wherein the laterally positioning step is carried out with the path being a generally horizontal path.